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UP CORRESPONDENT GAVE EMBASSY FOLLOWING FILL-IN ON QUESTIONS
ASKED BY WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS OF MARSHAL RUDENKO AT EGYPTIAN
ARMED FORCES RECEPTION LAST NIGHT. ALTHOUGH CORRESPONDENTS
HAVE FILED STORY THEY SAY THEY LEFT OUT CERTAIN DETAILS
DUE TO UNCERTAINTY THESE DETAILS WOULD PASS CENSOR.

CORRESPONDENTS QUERIED RUDENKO RE SOVIET CHARGES-US PLANES
VIOLATED SOVIET AIR FRONTIERS ASKING HOW SOVIETS KNEW THESE
PLANES WERE AMERICAN. RUDENKO ADMITTED NO MARKINGS HAD BEEN
SEEN CLAIMING PLANES HAD FLOWN AT ALTITUDE 20,000 METERS
HOWVER PILOTS OF SOVIET PLANES CLAIMED THEY COULD IDENTIFY
FOREIGN PLANES AS AMERICAN FROM SILHOUETTE. TO CORRESPONDENTS
SUGGESTION THAT WHILE PLANES MAY HAVE BEEN AMERICAN MANUFACTURE
THEY COULD HAVE BELONGED TO ANY NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, RUDENKO
REPLIED THAT SINCE PLANES OF AMERICAN ORIGIN US ULTIMATELY
RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES. (HERE CORRESPONDENTS MISSED
GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO QUESTION RUDENKO RE SOVIET RESPONSIBILITY
FOR MIGS IN KOREA AND THOSE RECENTLY SOLD TO EGYPT). RUDENKO
WAS THEN ASKED RE SOVIET PRACTICE SHOOTING DOWN PLANES OVER-
FLYING SOVIET TERRITORY AND REPLIED SOVIET POLICY ONE OF
PEACE AND SOVIETS DO NOT WISH HEIGHTEN INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS.
HE CLAIMED SOVIET PILOTS HAVE ORDERS NOT TO SHOOT AT PLANES.
WHICH HAVE OBVIOUSLY STRAYED ACROSS BORDER ACCIDENTLLY
AND THAT PILOTS MUST RECEIVE SPECIFIC GROUND INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE
FIRING AT ANY AIRCRAFT. RUDENKO ASSERTED HOWEVER THAT IF OVER-
FLIGHTS CONTINUE SOVIETS WOULD TAKE "NECESSARY MEASURES."
HE ALSO CLAIMED SOVIETS HAVE PICTURES OF PLANES WHICH HE SAID
WOULD BE PRODUCED IF NECESSARY.

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